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GETTING PAID IN THE NORTH

Do you really make more money up here?

BY MEAGHAN BRACKENBURY

Stunning landscapes, vibrant communities steeped in culture, thriving arts scenes—there are plenty of things that make moving North of 60 well worth your while. But if the chance to see aurora dancing above you isn't alluring enough, cashing a Northern paycheque just might be.

People working in the territories have some of the highest incomes in the country. According to data from the 2016 Census, the Northwest Territories had the highest median household income in Canada at \$99,664 after taxes, almost 62 percent higher than the nation-wide median of \$61,348. Nunavut came second with \$85,605, and Yukon came fourth (just after Alberta) with \$73,935. (As a comparison, the median household income was \$65,285 in Ontario, \$61,280 in British Columbia, and \$52,207 in Quebec.)

The reason for higher incomes is the large number of government and mining jobs. The main employment sectors in the territories are public administration, health care and social services, education, and resource development and extraction. In short, these sectors pay people well. For instance, the median hourly wage for registered nurses in Nunavut is \$67.83; that's nearly 70 percent more than the national rate of \$40 an hour, and 53 percent higher than Saskatchewan's rate—the province with the highest nursing wages.

When it comes to minimum wage, the territories also land on the higher side. The current rate is \$16/hour in Nunavut, and \$15.20/hour in the NWT and Yukon. Elsewhere in the country, the minimum wage is as low as \$11.75 (New Brunswick).

Good wages properly compensate workers for higher costs of living and ensure the job market remains competitive. But when it comes to keeping staff happy, salaries aren't the only tricks northern employers have up their sleeves.

All three territorial governments provide comprehensive health care and dental coverage, defined pension plans, as well as relocation packages that reimburse employees for any expenses they incur while moving to a community for work. Major mining companies, such as the De Beers Group and the Arctic Canadian Mining Company, also have financial support available to workers moving North for a job. In Nunavut, nurses are offered retention bonuses to make staying in the territory worth their while. These bonuses can reach as high as \$5,000 a year depending on tenure and location.

What's more, both Nunavut and the NWT entice employees with a Northern Living Allowance—an annual stipend provided at an hourly rate to help offset the costs of groceries, fuel, and transportation. The more remote and expensive the community, the bigger the allowance. In 2021, employees living in Yellowknife received an annual allowance of \$3,700, while staff in Sachs Harbour (the northernmost community in the NWT, located on Banks Island) received \$33,893. In the Yukon, the territorial government offers a living allowance to those working outside of Whitehorse.

And don't forget about the northern residents deduction, a credit Northerners can claim on their income taxes every year. Residents receive \$11 for every day they've lived in a "prescribed northern zone" (which includes all three territories). If they've been there for a whole year, they will get \$4,015 back on their tax returns. (Or \$4,026 on a leap year!)

It's no wonder so many people move to the North. It certainly is the land of opportunity.



How Do Average Earnings In The North Compare To Canada?

WEEKLY EARNINGS (\$) *	NWT	NU	YT	Canada
All Industries	1,554	1,464	1,337	1,131
Construction	1,853	1,732	1,560	1,392
Educational Services (Teachers, educational assistants, etc.)	1,826	1,244	1,595	1,212
Accommodation/ Food Services	649	784	645	466
Public Administration	1,848	1,538	1,577	1,468
Health Care and Social Services	1,321	1,469	1,104	986



North vs. South

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE (\$) **	NWT	NU	YT	ON	AB	BC	Canada
Elementary School Teacher	50.68	55.48	44.12	43.75	41.03	36.20	40.49
Registered Nurse	52.23	67.83	45.28	39.00	44.00	41.00	40.00
Bookkeeper	42.82	51.21	-	25.00	27.69	24.04	24.04
Police Officer	59.93	-	54.45	48.08	46.15	42.00	45.19
Early Childhood Educator (Preschool)	23.25	22.00	22.00	20.00	17.50	18.94	20.00
Home Support Workers, Housekeepers, Etc.	20.50	24.66	23.15	18.04	18.50	20.00	17.00
General Office Support Workers (Administrative clerks, etc.)	27.86	26.74	26.25	21.43	25.00	23.00	22.00
Social and Community Service Worker	32.67	34.83	32.47	22.57	22.50	21.75	23.00
Cook	20.00	22.00	20.00	15.75	16.00	16.00	15.50
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- * Data from Survey of Employment, Payroll, and Hours by Statistics Canada in September 2021.
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YOUR NORTHERN SHOPPING LIST

It's no secret:

food costs more in the North. BY DANA BOWEN & MEAGHAN BRACKENBURY

The vast geographic expanse of the territories and remote nature of many communities make transporting grocery items an expensive endeavour, and leaves supply chains vulnerable to disruption. Things like heavy snowfall on highways and storms anywhere along the route North could halt or delay a trip, and a lack of proper docking facilities presents challenges for shipping vessels. Plus, maintaining proper warehouse spaces to store those items isn't cheap, thanks to lofty utility bills and building expenses—all of which is reflected in the final cost.

To help offset these heftier price tags, northern residents count on

higher salaries, living allowances, and income tax credits. The federal government runs the program called Nutrition North that subsidizes various food items. Hunting and trapping continue to be important sources of food security and culture for Indigenous communities, as well, and local farmers and community greenhouse initiatives work to make things like fresh vegetables, meat, and eggs more accessible.

Nonetheless, it's important to be prepared when heading out to the shop with your weekly grocery list. Here's an idea of what you can expect to spend on your average* trip to the store.



CARTON OF EGGS (12 DOZEN):

The price of eggs is reflected in how difficult this perishable item is to transport and store. A carton of a dozen eggs in Whitehorse and Yellowknife costs around \$3.49. Eggs are slightly more expensive in Fort Smith in southern NWT at \$3.89, since the transport commute is longer and there is less volume being sent to the smaller community to keep the price down. Over in Iqaluit, where most food is flown in, the cost goes up to about \$6.00.



WHITE BREAD:

White bread is relatively affordable in Whitehorse and Yellowknife, where a loaf costs about \$2.00 and \$2.19 respectively. Of course, the more remote the community, the higher the price. In Dawson City, white bread costs around \$4.19; over in the eastern Arctic, Iqaluit jumps up to \$4.81; and in Inuvik, a community in the NWT's Beaufort Delta region, it's \$5.25.



MILK:

A staple of many fridges, the price of milk across the North can differ wildly. For instance, one-litre carton of milk in both Yellowknife and Whitehorse costs around \$2.59, while in Iqaluit, a similar carton can go for as much as \$6.19. Thankfully, milk products typically receive higher subsidy rates under the Nutrition North program, which can shave as much as \$4 off the final price.



CHEESE:

The price of cheese can vary drastically from community to community and depending on what kind one prefers. To go with plain cheddar cheese, the cost per 100 grams is around \$3.00 in Iqaluit and \$1.07 in both Yellowknife and Whitehorse. That price rises a little north of the Yukon, going to \$1.95 in Dawson City. Meanwhile in NWT, it's \$2.47 in Fort Smith and \$2.75 in Cambridge Bay.



apples:

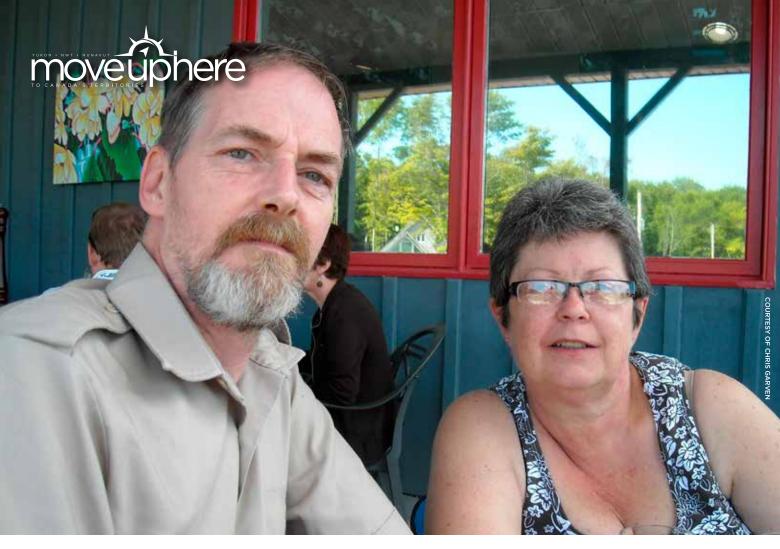
Produce can be the most expensive the higher up North you go as it can be more difficult to keep fresh. In Iqaluit, expect to pay close to \$7 per kilogram for apples. Yellowknife on average charges \$4.39 per kilogram and about \$6.70 in Inuvik. It's \$4.39 per kilogram in Whitehorse as well, while it goes up to \$4.82 in Dawson City.



BOTTLED WATER:

For 1.5 litres of bottled water, one will spend around \$5.20 in Iqaluit and \$6.39 in Rankin inlet. It's only \$1.19 in Yellowknife and \$2.39 in Inuvik. Whitehorse charges \$1.19 as well, while Dawson City charges \$3.84.

*Prices of specific items vary depending on location, time of year, and other circumstances. This information was gathered from a number of sources, and this is a best approximation of the data available.



CAME FOR A YEAR, **STAYED FOR A LIFETIME**

Though cities in southern Canada certainly have their charms, many come North yearning for something different. They hear stories about vast landscapes and friendly people and they want to experience it firsthand—if only for a visit. But as often happens, they end up discovering the North is so much more than the stories that lured them here. And the desire to stay—to live in a land of beautiful scenery, limitless opportunities and wonderful people—is too tempting. Before they know it, they've made a life here and wouldn't have it any other way. That's how the North gets to you.

BY DANA BOWEN

Chris Garven

CAME FOR: FOUR WEEKS STAYED FOR: 35+ YEARS

Chris Garven's flight from the Eastern Arctic to the West may as well have been to another world.

It was 1986 and the first thing he noticed was the trees springing up from the ground in Inuvik, unlike the rocky and tundra terrain of Nunavut. The more he got to know the Beaufort Delta hub, the more he grew to love it. "It seemed to be a very active community, very friendly," he says.

Garven had previously lived in Nunavut, travelling across the territory to teach first aid and CPR courses to locals. His four-week stint as an ambulance driver in Inuvik wasn't meant to be anything more that. But when his month-long contract ran out, he signed on for another year.

"And then it became one-anda-half years and I'm still here 35 years later."

After leaving his position at St. John Ambulance, Garven continued working at the Inuvik hospital until he won the ambulance contract, and renamed the company Blue Ice EMS.

Twenty years later, he decided to take his career in another direction. He was hired as a sub-contractor for Environment Canada, launching weather balloons.

"It's one of those jobs you never think about, but someone actually has to do that," he says. The balloon must be launched twice a day, with a similar scene occurring all around the globe at the exact same time. "It's like gogo-go for half-an-hour and then kick back, relax and wait for the balloon to burst. Then you work for about a half-hour and then you're just getting data sent off," he says, laughing at how much

of a career switch it's been from driving an ambulance.

It's a good, relaxed job for Garven, especially as his pace of life slows down. While he used to be busy with activities outside of work, he's now at a point where he wants to take things more slowly. Luckily, he says, the community supports both lifestyles.

"It's a totally different pace of life to anywhere I've lived in the past," he says. "It's very much go-at-your-own-speed. If you want to be go-go-go, which I was for a while, you can. There's lots going on. But if you want to kick back and relax you can do that too."

As Garven nears retirement, he and his wife, Beverly, are considering moving elsewhere. The couple are considering a warmer climate to retire in, but that doesn't mean he'll leave the North behind completely. After more than three decades in the territory, nothing could replace the memories he's made in Inuvik.

Kiran Barua DAWSON CITY, YT

CAME FOR: THREE MONTHS STAYED FOR: 10+ YEARS

Kiran Barua's friend spoke about his summer in Dawson City with a sparkle in his eyes. He described the northern Yukon town with such admiration, that Barua knew they had to check it out for themselves. So, in 2012, Barua headed north from Montreal to take on a short contract to work as head coordinator for a visitor's survey.

Barua was quick to extend those three months and then spent the next five years boomeranging between Dawson and Montreal before eventually realizing Dawson City felt more like home. There was something about the place that just felt right.

"I had a real lightbulb moment because I'm a person who's in between a lot of things. Like, I'm biracial and I'm [non-binary], so I think finding community can be really challenging," Barua says. "It wasn't until I came here that first summer where I was like, oh, this is what a community looks and feels like."

In 2017, Barua left Montreal again, now with a second degree—going from Fine Arts to psychology.

At first, they took a position doing Elder care, eventually climbing up the ladder and obtaining a job as a counsellor.

The work is exceptionally gratifying, Barua says, but sometimes they need to clear their mind by spending time out on the land. It's the breathtaking nature that offers another reason for Barua to stay where they are.

The Earth helps Barua process whatever their feeling, giving them balance. It's like a form of therapy. "I'd walk into the woods and lay on the moss and let things settle or I'll be able to yell in the woods if I want or cry and then have a quart of butterflies tickle me," Barua says. "I don't think I had the words for it then, but now I can say, no lover can hold you like the land can."

While Barua says they may one day return to Montreal to obtain a masters, the now-Northerner doesn't think they will ever leave the Yukon permanently, especially as Barua and their partner are looking to buy farmland. As far as Barua is concerned, "this is home."



COURTESY OF ANDREA VINCENT/KIRAN BARUA

Sue Rudd

WATSON LAKE, YUKON

CAME FOR: SIX MONTHS STAYED FOR: 35+ YEARS

When Sue Rudd visited Vancouver Expo '86, she was instantlu drawn to the pavilion with a float plane suspended above a painted wooden skyline. Rudd came across it at just the right time. She was tired of living in the big city and working long hours as a nurse at the busy Vancouver General Hospital. She wanted something different. So, after seeing an ad for a six-month position in Watson Lake, Yukon, Rudd really began to consider the move. "I went back to the [pavilion] a

few more times and started talking to one of the people who was working there and said, like, 'okay seriously, what's it like there? What would I find if I move there?" Rudd explains. "The person I was talking to...had nothing but great things to say about the Yukon and Watson Lake. And so I thought, 'well, why not?"

A month after the job interview, Rudd flew up to the community of about 800 people, where she





COURTESY OF SUE RUDD

was met by the local cab driver. The driver gave her a tour and told her some outlandish tales of the town, some of which had Rudd questioning how true they

were. The cab driver dropped her off at the living quarters near the hospital, where she was immediately impressed by the people she met—and soon by the community itself.

"The people I was working with were so welcoming. The first night I was in town, somebody invited me for supper. The next day, somebody took me for a walk around the town and it was just such a great feeling to be welcomed like that."

Although Rudd had intentions of only staying for six months, she found herself applying for a job as head nurse once her original contract was up. Five years passed and she began thinking about leaving. That is, until she met a man named Dale at a sled dog club, which she had joined with a friend.

"We shared a love of the outdoors—fishing, hunting and adventuring," she says. It wasn't long after getting to know Dale that she decided, "this is where I'm meant to he"

The two settled down with his children and eventually had kids of their own. They live in a home right near the lake and have birds flitting through the many trees in their backyard.

Rudd still visits family in Vancouver and enjoys live arts performances and the restaurants while she's there, but it isn't home to her anymore. She adores the Yukon's outdoor scenery and the friendly community that welcomed her the moment she arrived. To Rudd, there's no other place like it. Luckily, her partner—originally from Edmonton—feels the same way about their Northern community.

"Our plan is to continue to call this place home for years to come."



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Ashli McCarthy IQALUIT, NUNAVUT

CAME FOR: ONE YEAR STAYED FOR: 10+ YEARS

After gaining diplomas in hospitality management and event management at two Ontario colleges, Ashli McCarthy knew she wanted to see more of the world before settling into her career. Born in Waterloo, she had been fascinated by the North for years. In 2008, she decided to check out job listings to see what was available.

A few weeks later, she was on a plane to Inuvik, knowing little about the community except that it's in the Northwest Territories.

"I hadn't even really done much research before I moved up," she says. "I was just like, 'alright, I'm going to do this and then I just hopped on a plane and went over there."

McCarthy worked as a server for a uear and a half before returning to Ontario. She felt the urge to return North in 2012, only this time she chose the Eastern Arctic.

"I thought it was extremely different [from Inuvik], mainly because there's no trees here," she says. "It's mind-blowing for people to see that for the first time. And just the vast landscape as well. Like, you can walk outside your backdoor and then you're just out on the land. It's kind of a surreal experience to see it for the first time."

McCarthy began working at a restaurant in Igaluit, before moving into her current position with the Government of Nunavut as a travel coordinator. She thought her stay would last just one year, but that feeling started to change.

"After being her for three or four years, I was like, 'alright, this is

what it is now.' I met my partner, who I'm still with now, and we both decided [to stay]. This is where we wanted to set up our life and where we wanted to be long term."

There is so much that keeps Mc-Carthy in Igaluit, she says, from the community to the events that happen on the regular. She also loves the scenery and the fact that being out on the land is so accessible.

Sometimes, McCarthy still thinks about moving back down south. Maybe one day she will return. "But there is no definite answer," she says. "I feel like I'm in no rush to leave Igaluit or the North." m



COURTESY OF ASHLUMCCARTHY



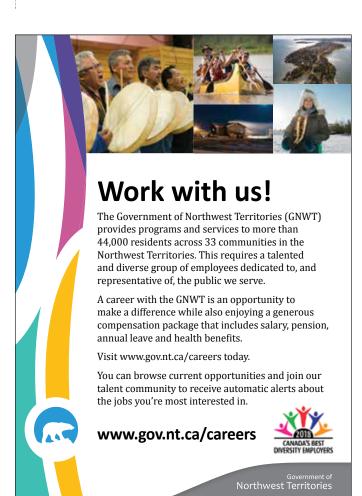
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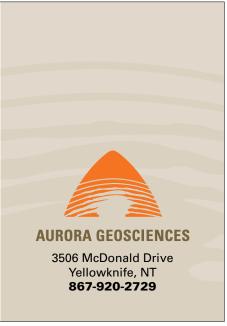


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Rank by Size in Canada	9	3	1
Comparable Size	NL, NB and PEI combined	AB and MB combined	QC, NL, NB, NS and PEI combine
Population	42,152	45,161	39,486
Capital City	Whitehorse	Yellowknife	Iqaluit
Populaiton, Capital City	30,025	21,713	8,000
2 nd Largest Community	Dawson Pop 2,297	Hay River Pop 3,749	Rankin Inlet Pop 2,820
Total # of Communities	16	33	25
Communities with Population over 1,000	3	6	12
Climate (in Capital City)			
Avg high - July Avg low - January Frost Free Days	20.6 °C minus 19.2 °C 87.4	21.3 °C minus 29.5 °C 118	12.3 °C Minus 31 °C 70.6
Avg. # of Days w/ Sunshine	251	283	250
Avg. Annual Precipitation	262 mm	289 mm	404 mm
First Nations	14 First Nations	5 First Nation settlement areas 1 Inuvialuit settlement area	n/a
Longest River	Yukon River 3190 km	Mackenzie River 4241 km	Back River 974 km
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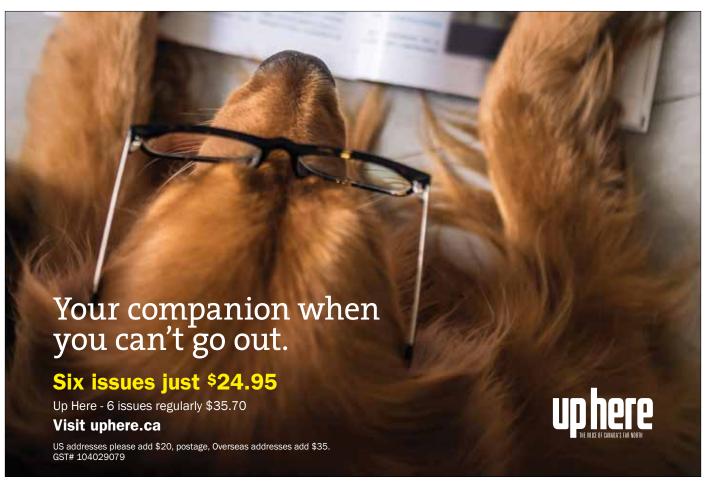
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